GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Teacher Education Institutes
Simha Shri Prathap

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to launch a pilot project under which the services of volunteers willing to teach in Government schools will be utilised and if so, the details thereof and the names of the States who have expressed willingness to participate in the first phase;
(b) whether the Government has also plans to utilise the services of ex-servicemen under the said projects;
(c) whether the Government is also introducing IIM-designed modules for educational administrators and a grading system for teaching in training institutes to address concerns related to shortage of staff and quality of teaching, if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether a Committee has also been constituted by the Government to develop grading framework for teacher education institutes so as to provide an idea of the quality of institutes; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Central Government is working on a pilot programme to involve retired government teachers and others to conduct co-scholastic activities in schools.
The Central Government is in the process of developing guidelines in collaboration with State Governments. In a meeting of State Education Ministers on 'Teacher Education' held on 8.2.2016, representatives of 19 States, namely, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Odisha, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Telangana, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Goa, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have expressed their willingness to participate in the first phase.
(c) to (e): In the recent Meeting of Education Ministers on Teachers' Education held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 8.2.2016 several steps for improvement of the quality of education were discussed. These include: internship for Teacher Education Programmes in Government Schools; conduct of Regional workshop for Education Administrators by UGC with modules developed by IIMs; to constitute a committee to develop an accreditation framework for Teacher Education Institutions.
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